

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-7. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-7, replace the original sheets including Figs.1-7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application, Claims 7-11 having been amended, and Claim 12 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amendment to Claims 7-11 is found, for example, at page 1, lines 3-13 of the originally filed specification. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to; Claims 7-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed toward non-statutory subject matter; and Claims 1-6 were allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1-6.

With respect to the objections to the drawings, Figures 1-7 are amended to include a label of "Background Art." Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to the drawings is overcome.

As for the rejection of Claims 7-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, that rejection is respectfully traversed. Independent Claims 7 and 11 are amended to recite "A computer readable storage medium encoded with computer executable instructions which cause a computer to implement a method comprising...."

Thus, independent Claims 7 and 11 (and claims dependent thereon) define structural and functional interrelationships between a computer program and a computer, which permits the computer program's functionality to be realized. See In re Lowry, 32 F. 3d 1579, 1583-84 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

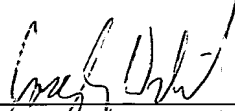
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn. If, however, the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the

undersigned who will be happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to derive mutually satisfactory claim language.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and early communication to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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